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THE CONVENTION.

THE Eleventh Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta was held with Chi Chapter, at Syracuse, N. Y., October 1, 2, 3 and 4. Following is a detailed program as it was carried out:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1895.

Private session of Grand Council.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Informal Reception of Delegates.
(Committee on Credentials in Session.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Opening Session of Convention.
Welcome Address by President of Chi Chapter.
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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

- I. Chapter Life.
 - (1) Active.
 - (a) How to make Chapters become acquainted.

- (b) Chapter meetings, frequency and regularity.
 - (c) Fraternity Education.
 - (d) Fraternity Extension.
 - (e) Chapter Standing.
- (2) Alumnæ.
Opportunities and scope for organized Alumnæ Work.

II. Ritual.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

- I. Miscellaneous Business.
- II. Reports.
- III. Election of Officers.

SATURDAY.

Session of Grand Council.

The list of Delegates is as follows :

GRAND COUNCIL.

President—Margaret E. Smith.*Vice-Presidents*—May E. Brown.

—Harriet L. Funck.

—Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Minnie R. Nickerson.*Recording Secretary*—Clara H. Kerr.*Treasurer*—Florence Sawyer.*Editor*—Mrs. P. S. Peck.

DELEGATES.

ALPHA DISTRICT.

Lambda—Florence May, Elizabeth Norton.*Chi*—Lora O. Snider, Adelaide Van Alstine, Edith L. Knight.*Iota*—Maud J. Reamer, Lilian Constance Swift, Agnes Louise White.

Alpha Beta—Mary S. Ash, Lucy B. Price.

Mu—Lena Lattin.

Gamma Alumnae—Mrs. Alice Cone Best.

BETA DISTRICT.

Epsilon—Mildred Packer.

Alpha Gamma—Clara E. Luse.

Alpha—Edith Morris.

Beta—Edna G. Henry.

Nu—Pauline Ernst.

Delta—Lelia Means.

Tau—Beulah E. Merville.

Psi—Mary Louise Carlton.

Pi—Zulu E. Fast.

Eta—Myra M. Post, Minerva B. Rhines.

Upsilon—Helen Woodman, Carolyn M. Durkee.

Kappa—Louise Towne.

Alpha Alumnae—Kate Hammond.

Beta Alumnae—Anna L. Guthrie.

GAMMA DISTRICT.

Phi—Mildred Caldwell.

Omicron—Lilian Bovard.

Omega—Lou. D. Whipple.

The convention proper was called to order Wednesday morning by Miss Snider, president of Chi, who extended a most cordial welcome to the delegates, after which the meeting was placed in the hands of the Grand Council for the transaction of business.

After a favorable report by the Committee on Credentials, the district presidents were called upon to make their reports.

Miss Brown, president of Alpha district, reported five college chapters, and one Alumnae chapter, all in the most flourishing condition and working most harmoniously together.

Miss Funck, president of Beta district, reported twelve active and two Alumnae chapters, all earnest, loyal and energetic.

Mrs. Smith, president of Gamma district, reported favorably of Phi and Omega but unfavorably of Omicron. Owing to financial reverses at the University of Southern California, the number of students at that University has decreased in the last few years, and there are now very few young women students eligible to membership in *K. A. θ.* For this, and other reasons, Mrs. Smith recommended the withdrawal of Omicron's charter.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President :

AUDITING.

Miss Sawyer,
Miss Henry,
Miss Guthrie.

CHAPTER STANDING.

Miss Reamer,
Miss Post,
Mrs. Best.

FRATERNITY EXTENSION.

Miss May,
Miss Hammond,
Miss Ash.

Next came reports of delegates which were extremely encouraging, most of the chapters having prospered socially, intellectually and financially during the last two years. There are very few now who do not possess a chapter house and none who do not rank among the best in their respective colleges, both socially and intellectually.

Wednesday afternoon was occupied with discussing and amending the constitution.

Wednesday evening Chi held her annual initiation, assisted by the entire convention, and eight freshmen were made happy in becoming members of Kappa Alpha Theta under unusually august and auspicious circumstances.

Most of the day Thursday was taken up with discussion of that bugbear, finance. Miss Sawyer, treasurer of *K. A. θ.*, has accomplished much in the last two years toward settling this vexed question, and we may hope that, with her help for two years more, we may be better organized financially than ever before.

The publication of the journal was given to Iota chapter, the song-book was left in Chi's patient hands, and the subject of catalogue was laid on the table.

Thursday evening a grand reception was held at Crouse college. About three hundred guests were present, and a most delightful evening was spent, with music, social intercourse, and refreshments. The halls of Crouse were draped with the fraternity colors and beautifully decorated with flowers, while music was furnished, not only by an orchestra but by the professors of the musical department, who gave some magnificent selections on the famous great organ and the grand piano in the upper hall.

Friday, after discussion of other business, the following officers were elected for the next two years :

President—Miss Funck.

Treasurer—Miss Sawyer.

Secretary—Miss Sargent.

ALPHA DISTRICT.

President—Miss Brown.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Gates.

Treas. and Sec'y.—Mrs. Best.

BETA DISTRICT.

President—Miss Post.

Vice-Pres.— — — —

Treas. and Sec'y.—Miss Cockin.

GAMMA DISTRICT.

President—Miss Sawyer.

Friday evening a very pleasant banquet was enjoyed at *The Vanderbilt*, only members of the fraternity being present. Following is the

MENU.

Blue Points

Cream of Celery

OLIVES

CELERY

Boiled California Salmon, Green Peas.

POMMES DUCHESS

Filet of Beef aux Champignons

CAULIFLOWER IN CREAM

PARISIENNE POTATOES

Oyster Patties

ROMAN PUNCH

Quail on Toast

Lobster Salad en Mayonaise

Tutti Frutti Ice Cream

Charlotte Russe

Assorted Cakes

Cafe Noir

TOASTS.

TOASTMISTRESS, MARGARET ELLEN SMITH

*"After our great cheer, pray sit you down,
For now we sit to chat as well as eat."*

I. "HEART'S-EASE," - - - - - MYRA M. POST

*"Pansies, pansies ! How I love you, pansies !
Jaunty-faced, laughing-lipped, and dewy-eyed with glee."*

II. "UNDER TWO FLAGS," - - ADELAIDE VAN ALSTINE
"E Pluribus Unum."

III. "BITTER-SWEET," - - MRS. ANNA B. COMSTOCK
*"I sometimes think that never blows so red
The Rose as where some buried Caesar bled ;
That every Hyacinth the garden wears
Dropt in her lap from some once lovely head."*

IV. "THE NEW MAN," - - AGNES LOUISE WHITE
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

V. "AUF WIEDERSEHEN," - - MAY E. BROWN
*"Time goes,' you say ?
Ah, no !
Time stays ; we go."*

Other pleasing social events of the week were teas and receptions tendered to *K. A. θ.* by Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Much credit is due to Chi for her untiring efforts and ultimate success in making this Convention so enjoyable and helpful to all concerned.



THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

"Westward the course of empire takes its way," prophesied Bishop Berkeley in his "Prospect of Planting Arts and Learning in America," and to-day the westernmost of America's University-towns appropriately bears the prophet's name. Twenty-seven years ago the University of California received her charter from the State, and chose for her throne the lower foot-hills across the bay from San Francisco. Although founded so early in the educational development of the West, the University was not the first experiment in higher education on the coast, for, in 1855, a few far-seeing men had planted in Oakland a little "College of California," and because this College outgrew its facilities, the State was asked to found and support a University under its own control. The story of the College of California in Oakland is like the early history of the State, a succession of dramatic episodes in a period of thrilling adventure. Oakland was then a sandy flat of oaks, a camping-ground for "squatters" and to get possession of its first building the College found itself under the strange obligation of resorting to strategy. When the house was partially complete the funds gave out and the contractors were about to take a lien on it. "They proposed," to quote Mr. Henry Durant, afterwards President of the University of California, "to get the whole property for themselves in that way. * * * I came over at night, went into the house, put a table, chairs, etc., into one of the rooms upstairs, and went to bed. Pretty early in the morning the contractor came into the house and looked about. Presently he came to our door. Looking in, he said: 'What is here?'"

I told him I was a little in a hurry to go into my new home, and I thought I would make a beginning the night before. I claimed to be the proprietor and in possession. He went off *

* * and in a little while came back with two burly fellows. * * I had no means of defence except an ax that was under the bed. The contractor said to one of the men : 'Well, what will you do ?' Said he : 'If you ask my advice, I say, proceed summarily,' and he began to get up. I rose, too, then about two feet taller than usual; I felt as if I was monarch of all I surveyed. I told him that if I understood him, he intended to move into the room. Said I : You will not only commit a trespass upon my property, but you will do violence upon my body. I don't intend to leave this room in a sound condition. If you undertake to do that, you will commit a crime as well as a trespass !' That seemed to stagger them, and finally they left me in possession.'

The college was merged in '68 into the University of California, handing over its students, thirty of them, and its property, in which was included the present superb site of the University.

So much for the U. C. of the past. Its growth, which has always been steady, becomes more rapid every year. Each entering class far outnumbers the one before it, and the total number of students officially enrolled last year was 1781. Of these, 655 are in the Lick Observatory and in the Colleges of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and the Institute of Art in San Francisco, leaving 1126 in the Colleges of Letters and Science at Berkeley. The Professional Colleges have been boarding 'round in inconvenient hired buildings but are soon to have a \$250,000 home which shall be more adequate to their needs. At Berkeley there are North Hall, South Hall, the Library (70,000 volumes), the Mechanics Building, the Electrical Engineering Building, the Chemistry Building, the Gymnasium, Machine Shops, Observatory and Hot Houses and Conservatory.

Berkeley has been a co-educational college, the first two or three girls entering in the early seventies. Four hundred and

eighty young women have been in attendance during the past year. The "co-eds" find a pleasant college-home at Berkeley, for there are so many of us now that we are recognized as having come to stay, and those who have been before us have made the young women respected for their dignified behavior, capacity for social enjoyment and excellence of scholarship. The medallists of '93 and '95 were both young women and in '94 eight out of the ten highest were girls.

The University holds a high place, we are assured, in the estimation of Eastern college professors. It was our English department which attracted Yale's attention a few years ago and made her so anxious to have one like it that she could not rest till she got its presiding genius within her own halls. The president of one of New England's two great universities places us fifth on the list of all the American colleges. Do not, Oh sisters, think us boastful, aware only of our own greatness! It is only that we, so far away on this west coast, want you, nearer the culture and civilization of the great East, to realize that civilization and culture are no longer exclusively Eastern but that the great West, too, has advantages and is not so very wild and wooly after all.

We have no dormitories and the students reside in Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley. The social life of the university is however, very delightful, and our intercourse with the professors is one of the pleasantest features of our college life. The professors' wives have entertained us this year once a month at afternoon tea, several have had us in groups of twenty or fifty at their homes for evening parties, the students call informally and often upon the faculty, and friendships between student and instructor, pleasant and (may I say it?) mutually beneficial, are no rarity. The students among themselves often have impromptu receptions, yachting parties, picnics and hops and several standard functions come 'round once a year. The Freshman Glee is usually the first, followed by the Sophomore Hop. The first week of

December brings Junior Day with its farce and promenade. Charter Day, March 23d, is highly dignified with sober speeches and sedate audiences while "Bourdon," when Freshmen burn their mathematics books, makes the May night hideous. Commencement week is one whirl, with president's reception, class-day, Senior ball, Skull and Keys theatricals and Glee Club concert and closes with the Alumni banquet the evening of Commencement. California has her fraternities, her sororities, her debating, literary and religious societies, social and musical clubs, and philosophical and scientific unions, all of which contribute to our education, perhaps, but at least furnish necessary recreation.

How wonderful it is that each college has "*the* most magnificent view from her noble campus!" We have one, equalled by few, excelled by none, our pride and joy. After our first football defeat by Stanford, when the blue in our colors was predominating the gold, a student, coming out of the library, that glorious extent of land and water spread before him, heaved a long sigh and exclaimed: "They can't take away our view anyhow!"

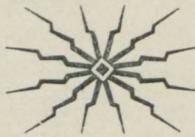
The University grounds begin well up on the Berkeley hills and extend toward the bay over a gentle, rolling slope partly covered with eucalyptus and cypress groves and partly with a thick green-sward which spring-time variegates with yellow splashes of butter-cups. The undulating hills in their green, with darker blotches of brush-oak and morning or evening shadows emphasizing their gentle hollows and soft contour are delight enough, but toward the west the view gives inspiration. Take a clear winter morning and one sees beyond the bright green spread of campus the shadow-filled oak-grove, the roofs of Berkeley, a lovely town half smothered in roses; then the flashing, glinting bay, its blue waters dotted with white sails and the ferry-boats drawing out long smoky streamers; the Golden Gate, a narrow opening in the barrier of hills. San Francisco is on the left, its

steep streets visible between great blocks of uneven roofs, while Point Bonita and beautiful Tamalpais, dark and blue in the distance, stand in strong outline against an Italian sky. Could you but see it! Could you but drink in this soft air, revel in this golden sunshine of our Pacific home! It is a goodly land to live in, a pleasant world to dream of, a noble Alma Mater which we hail with our shouts of

Ha! ha! ha!
Cal-i-for-ni-a!
U. C. Berkeley,
Zip, boom, ah!

MARY M. MCLEAN, '95,

Omega.



IN MEMORIAM.

HARRIET DUNN SMITH,

KAPPA CHAPTER,

DIED JUNE 15th, 1895,

Kansas City, Missouri.

“ She has outsoared the shadow of our night.

’Tis death is dead, not she.”

IN MEMORIAM.

Alpha Chapter is again called upon to mourn the loss of a sister.

In the death of Ina Johnson Fulkerson, we lose a sister, who was all that a Theta should be, one who was greatly loved by all who knew her.

Realizing that a noble woman has passed from among us, be it therefore

Resolved, By the members of Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta that we extend to the bereaved family and friends our deepest sympathy. And

Resolved, That this tribute of grief be placed upon our Chapter records and suitably published.

ADA CAMPBELL,
HATTIE TUTERWILER, } Committee.
MAY DANIELS,

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our all-wise Father to bring sorrow into the home of our sister, Mary Helen Goodrich, by taking unto Himself her beloved mother ; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, express our tenderest sympathy to the bereaved family, and most loyal affection to our sister, in this, her time of trouble ; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the family and be published in the fraternity journal.

FLORENCE J. MAY,
THEODORA M. PLUMLEY, } Committee.

EDITORIALS.

IN closing our editorial labors, and taking retrospective and prospective glances appropriate to the occasion, we feel less inclined to give a last complaining growl than to follow the ever applicable advice of Aunt Chloe to "think on our marcies!"

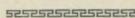
In our last official meditations we find there is much to be thankful for, and our thanks formulate themselves in some such list as this. We are thankful :

1. That the JOURNAL has passed into other and abler hands.
2. That although we have not done well, we have improved the JOURNAL a little since we took charge of it.
3. That we shall not see any more things that the exchanges say about Kappa Alpha Theta having the *pretty* girls, but Kappa Kappa Gamma the *intellectual* girls.
4. That we shall have to read no more fifty-page petitions for charters from third-rate colleges.
5. That we shall not have to spend all our money for postage.
6. That the Chapter letters or the five dollars have *got* to be sent in.
7. That we never had our photographs put in the JOURNAL.

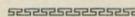
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We congratulate the fraternity most heartily on its choice of editing chapter. Iota has always been foremost in excellence in all fraternity work, and the recently issued catalogue speaks well for her fitness to continue editorial work. We are sure the JOURNAL will prosper in her hands as never before; and in laying

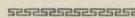
down the pen in her favor, we wish for her all the good things and none of the bad, which have been our lot during the last four years.



Psi is the guilty Chapter this time. She sends a Chapter letter written on beautifully engraved Kappa Alpha Theta note paper—all four sides carefully covered and criss-crossed. We hope the new editors will be more successful than we have been in dealing with this double-faced evil.



That Thetas have grown in business ability was shown by the smoothness and promptness exhibited in the running order of Convention—a marked improvement over the meetings of two years ago and of four years ago.



The editor-in-chief, in closing, presents her politest compliments to her excellent assistants, the business managers, the exchange editor, and the advertisers, and wishes to thank them most heartily for all they have done toward making the JOURNAL a success, and to assure them of her ever grateful remembrance of their forbearance and many kindnesses.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Alpha District.

IOTA.

ITHACA, N. Y.

OTA began the year with an active membership of thirteen. Besides that number we have with us now Miss Ada Parker of Chi, Miss Gertrude Gibbs of Upsilon and Miss Vena Feno of Mu. We are glad to welcome back to active membership Mary L. Robbins, '91, who has returned for graduate work.

Six of our number left us last spring. Of these Janet Sheldon, '94, who did graduate work here last year, is now at her home in Buffalo. Edith Todd and Harriet Stone, special students, are teaching in Connecticut. Jane W. Dinwiddie has returned to her home in Raleigh. Mary G. Cummings, '95, is professor of English and elocution at Elmira College. Margaret F. Boynton, '95, is teaching at Northfield, Mass., and Elizabeth Carss, our other senior, is in New York city, where she hopes to keep up her Theta associations by means of the new Alumnae chapter. Besides those who have left us after finishing their work we miss also this year Bertha Marx, '97, who is spending the year in Europe, but who hopes to return next year to resume her university work.

Iota sent five active members to the convention, and three of our resident members. Mrs. Comstock and the Misses Lair were also there. To those of us who could not leave Cornell, part of the convention came in the shape of various delegates who kindly made Cornell a resting place on their way home. We met in this way Miss Bovard of Omicron, Miss Sawyer of Omega, Miss Cald-

well of Phi, Misses Rhynes and Post of Eta, the Misses Towne of Kappa and Miss Ash of Alpha Beta. Needless to say we are glad that there has been a convention and that we have either been to it or heard accounts of it. We feel a greater enthusiasm and at the same time a greater thoughtfulness, as we realize the strength and meaning of those ties which can bind together not only the members of one chapter but also the many chapters scattered over this country of ours.

We are strong this year and feel that if we do not gain the new members that we want it will be our own fault. Once again we are together in Sage College and feel that after being so scattered as we have been during the past few years it is good in many ways to be again under the same roof. Iota is pursuing her usual policy and is trying to be sure even if she must be slow. Alpha Phi reserves the liberty of asking when she chooses, but Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta have agreed to extend no invitations for membership before the seventh of December. Placing as we do far greater value upon quality than upon quantity, we feel that with an asking day much earlier than this, it would be scarcely possible for us to know the girls whom we ask well enough to be sure that they would make perfectly desirable Thetas. Some perhaps will disagree with us on this point and prefer larger chapters and earlier initiations. To such we can only say that Iota Chapter has pursued this policy for several years, and that while at times an earlier date, say some time in November, might be preferable, any date much earlier than that would be likely to work us more harm than good. Believing that those who will make the most desirable Thetas will find their greatest inducement to join in the character of the members of the chapter, we give our approval to close personal and individual acquaintance rather than to the more violent forms of rushing.

To sister Thetas, far and near, greetings from

IOTA.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE, Oct. 9, 1895.

Dear Thetas:

Another college year has opened and once more brought together Alpha Beta's girls under the roof of their beloved Alma Mater. With all the pleasures and joys of reunion, we can not but miss greatly the five absent sisters, our three graduates and Lucy B. Price '96 and Mary S. Clark '97, who are prevented from completing their courses on account of ill health.

Alpha Beta's girls spent a most delightful summer, and we want all our sisters to know of the one most enjoyable trip so that another year, if they wish, they may adopt our plan.

We all could not go, but ten of us spent that delightful and long-to-be-remembered week together in an old farm house on the Delaware River. Out in the open country, away from everybody and left entirely to our own devices, could a jollier way of passing a holiday week be imagined? With our boat, which we christened "The Theta," on the river and in which we enjoyed many a happy hour, with straw-rides and long walks to neighboring towns, and drives, on one of which we visited our sisters Anna and Nell Atkinson, who lived near by, we one and all agreed that never had a happier week been spent, and our ardent hope is, that next summer we may *all* be able to enjoy together another Theta reunion in some beautiful rural spot.

Since our return to Swarthmore, little more than two weeks ago, one of our active members, Lydia P. Williams '97, has given a charming Theta luncheon at her Philadelphia home. All but one of last year's chapter were present, fifteen girls, and we regretted deeply that there had to be *one* empty chair. Toasts were responded to by several of our number, and we all thoroughly enjoyed an earnest fraternity talk.

Our delegate from the Convention has returned to us, filling us with renewed enthusiasm and love for the welfare of Theta.

Alpha Beta sends to all her sister chapters her best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

NEW YORK CITY.

Since our first Chapter meeting of the year will not take place until October 26th, there is but little of interest to communicate to the first number of the JOURNAL. We are glad to state that there is a prospect that our numbers will soon be appreciably augmented, as no less than four Thetas have taken up residence in New York since last spring. We desire especially to request that members of the fraternity who have knowledge, at any time, of any Theta residing permanently or temporarily in the city or its immediate vicinity, should communicate the name and address of such member to our corresponding secretary, that we may make her acquaintance.

We think all Chapters of the fraternity are united in feeling that we may well felicitate ourselves upon the signal success of our late convention, and rest assured that our newly-chosen officers will direct our course as wisely and well during the coming two years, as have those who so efficiently served at our recent delightful meeting in Syracuse. Thus briefly Gamma Alumnae sends greetings and best wishes to all sister chapters.

Beta District.

EPSILON.

WOOSTER, OHIO.

By this time school affairs here in Wooster have about resumed the routine for a new year and it is time to think of the JOURNAL letter. The opening time has been most encouraging

to professors and all who have the welfare of the University upon their hearts, as more new students have matriculated than during any preceding year, and but comparatively few familiar faces are missing.

The new Ladies' Dormitory, which is well under way towards completion, is to be a beautiful building, and is one of the many things that indicate future growth for the University.

The Athletic Association is starting out upon the year's work with ardent and enthusiastic followers, and the literary societies give promise of much good work to be accomplished. Foot-ball interest is at fever-heat, and which class will come off victorious is a matter of much speculation just now as the teams are all in fine condition.

Fraternity affairs have been correspondingly interesting and many new members have been ribboned by the different chapters before the gaze of the college world. A contract to invite new members at a stated time has been entered into by *K. K. T.* and *K. A. Θ.* which has proved most successful, doing away with much unpleasantness of the method heretofore in vogue. Now that the initial step has been so well taken, all the imagined difficulties have proved trifling and I think both chapters feel confident of future satisfaction.

K. A. Θ. has joined to her ranks this year Mary Elliott, Albertine Parmalee, Cora Aylsworth, Grace Dunlap and Nellie Dunn, whom we are most happy to introduce to all Theta sisters.

We have given two general "evenings" at Theta homes, both of which the hostesses can say with all due modesty were pleasant to them at least, lacking the burden of formality which oppresses guests and wears out any hostess. The first invitations were issued to the new comers among the young lady students at the home of Belle and Margaret Platter, the other invitations to student friends throughout the college at the home of one of our newly initiated, Elizabeth Beebe.

If any sister chapter has experienced the unpleasantness of going even two months without rooms, she will understand how very happy we are to get to house-keeping again. You will also understand how delightful it is to have everything fresh and new, and will know the pleasurable excitement of solving the mysteries of curtain-pole arrangements, and understand what it means to hang pictures and drape mantles. Doubtless, too, some one has acquired respect tinged with awe for the girl who can superintend the upholstering of a window seat. Our friends and alumnae have been most kind in their gifts and the unpacking and arranging of the pretty new things has been one of the most enjoyable features of our new house-keeping.

I wish I could tell you of the extreme satisfaction with which we view our tea-table. It is not a diminutive affair with a scattered array of utensils from which a conjuror alone could possibly make a respectable cup of tea, but a very honest, straightforward table which contains every thing from a truly Japanese chocolate pot and tea-kettle to all one could desire in the line of pretty cups, besides a dear little Austrian five o'clock tea set. Among our gifts have been some beautiful embroidered table-pieces, and our housekeeper is quite justified in speaking proudly and with a very grown-up air of "our table linen."

I have left a word about the convention to the last because it is perhaps the best thing of all, for we certainly do appreciate the honor of having the grand president right here in our own Chapter. When we were so anxiously awaiting the return of our delegates, we did not know that we were to receive such a high personage, but our pleasure was none the less great you may be sure. We can say to all sister chapters that we who have known Miss Funck in the most intimate fraternity life feel sure that she will be as president to all the chapters, what she has been to us, an inspiring leader, a loving friend, and a wise counsellor. We are awaiting with much pleasure the JOURNAL under its new man-

agement, and hope great things from its board of control, rumors of whose capabilites have reached us long before this.

With loving greetings to all,

EPSILON.

ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Oct. 14, 1895.

Dear Thetas:

At this, the beginning of another year, Alpha again sends greetings. De Pauw opens with her usual number of enthusiastic students, and the new ones are taken care of in a manner characteristic of the fraternities.

Theta has not been slow, but with her customary selfishness took nine of the very best girls. These were initiated last week at the home of Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton, one of the founders of our fraternity, and the Alpha girls had the honor of initiating her.

We are glad to welcome the return of our delegate from the convention. From her report, our views are broadened and Kappa Alpha Theta means more to us than ever before.

Three weeks ago sad news came to us, and we mourn the loss of our sister, Ina Johnson Fulkerson of the class of '91.

And again do we grieve over the loss of Mrs. Weaver, daughter of Bishop Simpson. Although not a sister, her Theta spirit was equal to that of her daughters, whom we claim and with whom we sympathize.

So Alpha has been quiet and in our sorrow have we been drawn more closely together in the bonds of true sisterhood. And we feel that this year will be most beneficial because of the unity and loyalty felt in our Chapter life.

With best wishes for the success of Theta everywhere,

ALPHA.

BETA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, IND., Oct. 10, 1895. }

My Dear Sisters :

There are only eleven of us this year but we are looking forward with pleasure to the fifteenth of this month, when we shall ask others to join us. For the last two years we have had a contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma to give no propositions to new girls before the fourth week of college; and next Tuesday is the eventful day.

Beta has no Chapter house this year, but we have rented very pleasant parlors and hope to have a satisfactory Chapter house in the near future.

The twenty-eighth of September we gave our usual reception for the ladies of the faculty, and all the college girls.

Our delegate has returned from Syracuse, and we have been very interested in hearing about the convention.

Wishing our sister chapters as much success as we hope to have, we are

Yours in Kappa Alpha Theta,

BETA.

NU.

HANOVER, IND., Oct. 10, 1895.

Dear Theta Sisters :

We are somewhat at a loss to know what we ought to write about since the return of our delegate from the convention. She tells of so many things we must not tell of, that there seems to be nothing left.

We had a very interesting lecture course last year. Among the lecturers present, were George R. Wendling and Joseph Cook. The latter says Hanover has the finest scenery of any college in

the world, with the exception of Roberts College at Constantinople.

One of our professors fell heir to a large estate, and as it required his care, he was forced to resign his professorship. We all regretted to lose Prof. Hunter, as he was a great favorite among the students and a good professor. Prof. Lowes, who is a graduate of Jefferson College, has given the greatest satisfaction in the short time he has been here, and promises to become one of the finest instructors in the faculty.

Our girls never lose interest in their Chapter, even after they have been out of college for years, and we always have a number of them to visit us during the year.

We only lost one member this year, Louise Burcham, who graduated last June. We miss Louise very much this year; but she came back at the opening of college to see that we got well started.

We were so glad to hear about the other girls and chapters, through our delegate, and we only wish that we might have an opportunity to hear of and see them more often.

With best wishes for success to all Thetas,

Nu.

TAU.

EVANSTON, ILL.

Sisters in Theta :

Never since 1885, when Tau was founded, has the opening of the college year found us without a goodly number. This year has proved no exception, and at the first college chapel the Thetas filled the usual "two rows," thus proving true the old theory, "the survival of the fittest."

Rushing commenced almost immediately and in due time we found ourselves successful in winning five, the acknowledged best of the Freshman class, Nellie Spies, Edna Earl Fleshiem, Jessie

Lewis, Isabelle Wells and Jessie Fahr; we were also most happy to welcome into our Chapter Mabel Fuller, of Alpha.

It was a great pleasure to initiate our Freshmen in a new hall. This hall was once used as a studio, but now is transformed into an ideal fraternity hall.

The University has never had so large an enrollment, and the corps of instructors has been increased accordingly, and with many other favoring circumstances, we have no reason to expect anything but the best of good years.

Yours in Theta,

TAU.

ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Eta's contribution to this number of the JOURNAL must necessarily be very short for the reason that this University does not open until the first of October. Things are not quite settled as yet, and we find that we have our hands just about full in getting our work arranged, as there is a very large increase of students this year.

Already we feel the effects of the enthusiasm of the convention, and can say that we feel as we never did before, what the term "general fraternity" means. With a fuller understanding of this term, comes an added responsibility. We feel the necessity of doing all we can to bring ourselves into closer touch with all the chapters, and of keeping up and increasing a true Kappa Alpha Theta spirit instead of allowing ourselves to be too much absorbed by our own Chapter interests. This spirit it is which binds us all together and makes us glad to welcome any and all who wear our pin.

We are glad to say that we will have with us, for the coming year, Miss Warren of Wooster, Ohio, and Miss Swope of Bloom-

ington, Indiana, the latter having just returned from abroad, where she has been studying for the past eighteen months.

Eta wishes for all her sister chapters, a bright and prosperous year.

ETA.

Psi.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA LODGE,
630 Langdon Street,
MADISON, WIS., Oct. 9th, 1895.

Dear Girls:

Once more we find it our pleasure to let you know how Psi is getting along after the long vacation.

College opened three weeks ago with about the usual attendance. To the class of '99, of course, all was new, and to the older students many new things presented themselves. Hereafter instead of having the year divided into three terms, it will be divided into two semesters. Vacations will be shorter and fewer.

A change was discovered in old Main Hall, which brought a feeling of sorrow to every old student. The time-honored rotunda which occupied the entire center of the building has been enclosed. To us this rotunda held the place which the historic fence held in the hearts of the boys at Yale.

The past three weeks have been spent by us in taking care of the Freshmen, and we have found some very nice ones. Thus far we have pledged five lovely girls, all of whom will make true Thetas. We have initiated once and intend to do so soon again. Several of the old girls will be with us and we expect a royal time. Our lodge, which to us all is the very dearest of places, has been a great help in our rushing.

There are seven of us in the house and we expect about three more will come in next semester.

Our delegate to the convention returned last Saturday, and at our regular meeting, Monday, she gave us an account of her trip and the work of the convention. We were very much pleased with the report.

Another pleasure this year was that we had Miss Simms '95, of Alpha Chapter, with us a few days. She was here in the capacity of traveling secretary of the inter-collegiate Y. W. C. A.

Hoping that all our sisters feel as happy over the prospects of the coming year as we do,

We remain in Theta love,

Psi.

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, }
September 12th, 1895. }

Dear Thetas :

The University of Minnesota opened on Tuesday the tenth of September, with the usual excitement in fraternity circles. We are in the midst of our rushing, which bids fair to be successful. Upsilon begins the year with ten active members; among them one of this summer's brides, Mrs. Justina Leavitt Wilson. We also have to announce the marriage of Miss Ruth Huntoon, who graduated in '95, to Mr. Robert Slater of Hudson, Wis., and that of Miss Grace Walther, '93, to Mr. William H. Davies of Chicago.

The writer is much impressed with the wisdom of that editorial in the July JOURNAL, which advocates changing the time of publication of our quarterly. Colleges that do not open till the middle of September or later must find it as hard to write an interesting Chapter letter as does

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, }
October 9th, 1895. }

Dear Thetas:

The University of Minnesota is again open and is larger than ever before. The Freshman class organization, including only academic and engineering students, numbers 300 members. Our new library building is in use; the new medical laboratory is almost completed; and two other buildings, an observatory and a drill hall are to be begun at once. There are also some changes in the faculty. The one of most interest is the loss of Prof. G. E. MacLean, head of the department of English, who has accepted the position of Chancellor of the University of Nebraska. His place will not be filled this year, although there is a new assistant professor of English, Prof. McClumpha, who promises to be very popular.

Upsilon gathered together ten members at the beginning of the year, among whom is Mrs. Justina Leavitt Wilson, who has been out of college for several years. Any Chapter that has tried it will know what a help such a member is.

Of our last year's active Chapter we have lost two besides the class of '95, Sophie M. Pendergast '97, and Jane Pomeroy '98.

As for this year, we have already pledged four girls, and expect to make our Chapter about its usual size, viz: sixteen or eighteen.

We who were delegates to the convention have just begun to realize what an altogether good and profitable time it was. The action taken, so far as we have had time to explain it, seems very satisfactory, and we hope to try many of the suggestions, especially at initiation time.

To all our sister chapters we send greetings and congratulations on the success of the convention.

UPSILON.

KAPPA.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, }
Lawrence, August 25th. }

Kappa's newly-elected corresponding editor off on a journey and not a line from the Chapter in the July number of the JOURNAL, it has fallen to the lot of the present scribe, and she couldn't find it in her conscience to refuse, to tell you what Kappa has been doing since April last. Chiefly, she has been getting married—just to keep up her reputation you know, for that is her most distinguishing characteristic, according to the almanac published Commencement time by the class of '95; in this afore-mentioned book, Kappa Alpha Theta is represented by a young woman in bridal array, with the less conspicuous figure of a man at her side, at the altar. Seriously speaking, however, three of Kappa's, as she thought, well-balanced maidens, have forsaken us. They are, or were, Rilla B. Van Hoesen, who was married April 30th to James M. Challiss of Atchison, Kansas; Jeannette Sayre, June 6th, to Arthur G. Canfield, professor of French language and literature, here; and Katharine B. Wilder, June 12th, to Charles S. Cross of Emporia, Kansas.

Of course there were numerous social gatherings during the last weeks of school; prominent in my mind is the spring party given every year the first Friday in May, with its usual accompanying rain, nothing to distinguish it except that it rained somewhat harder and longer than previous years. Oh, yes, a very beautiful feature of decoration I must speak of was a Theta pin made of incandescent lights and intertwined with smilax and roses. The design was made and donated by some of Kappa's young men friends. Shortly after this we were entertained once more by Mrs. Dudley Haskell, whose home has for many years been the favorite retreat whenever an initiation has been on hand. Another afternoon we were the guests of Jeannette and Mabel

Sayre; Mabel had only just been initiated—she received the rites which entitle her to wear the kite at the home of Mrs. Robert Wagstaff. On Tuesday, June 4th, almost every member of Kappa Chapter then in town gathered at the home of Mrs. A. Monroe, in honor of the five graduates and of Jeannette Sayre, whose marriage took place two days later. After every girl had arrived and primped an unreasonably long time, the thirty-two girls went out on the lawn and had their picture taken, the result of which we hope to persuade our delegate to take to convention, but which I have a strong premonition she would like to leave behind for reasons best known to herself.

This Chapter has not had all sunshine these beautiful summer days. On June 15th, we did our last for our sister Harriet Dunn Smith, of the class of '96, who died in Kansas City, Missouri, at the home of her parents. She leaves a father and mother, a five-year-old daughter, and brothers and sisters. Only a few weeks since our hearts again went out in sympathy to our sister Madge Schaum, who, with almost no warning, was made fatherless.

Hoping that all blunders in this letter will be forgiven as those of a green hand, all chapters will please accept the best wishes of

KAPPA.

BETA ALUMNAE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., }
Aug. 27, '95. }

Dear *Thetas*:

It is with great satisfaction that Beta Alumnae chapter sends you her first letter. We believe in Alumnae chapters and think there is no better way of strengthening the fraternity than by the establishment of them wherever it is feasible. It is therefore with great pride that we count three chapters in our list and we

hope there will be three enthusiastic delegates from them at the convention to co-operate with those from the active chapters in doing everything possible to strengthen our fraternity. We also hope that the delegates will become so filled with enthusiasm that they will inspire their chapters at home to work in such earnest that the fraternity will be placed on a higher plane than ever before.

To belong to a fraternity brings the responsibility of work, good, hard, conscientious work. Some, we fear, never have understood this as they should and so miss one of the greatest advantages of a fraternity. Work in whatever field it may be brings growth and growth means added strength. This is what we want, what we need in our fraternity. What do we mean by work? This. To so meet the duties of the every-day life that we may always be depended upon for the very best in the class room, in the parlor, or wherever we may be, so that those with whom we come in contact, whether it be professor or student, may recognize that to us "Life is real, Life is earnest" and that we are striving to gain the best there is in life. Not all, even by their utmost endeavor, can reach the highest places, but to her who puts honest desire into earnest effort there is no such word as fail.

And so as the new year opens, let us make the most of the opportunity offered us, each one taking up her part and may the coming year be one of pleasure and success.

Beta Alumnæ begins her work on the seventh of September. We are to have three regular meetings a year with as many "specials" as possible. So many of us are teaching out of the city and are home only at vacation that we cannot meet as often as we would like. It is our plan to have the active Chapter meet with us after our regular meeting. We like this very much as it keeps us acquainted with them and we are able to be of use to them sometimes.

Our president is Miss Caroline Sargent of Swarthmore, as

enthusiastic a Theta as one would wish. Among our members are many of Upsilon's chapter members as well as representatives from Alpha, Chi, Lambda and Alpha Beta, there being in all about fifteen of us. We are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable year and hope to hear of success from each and all of our sister chapters.

EMMA KEMP TIMBERLAKE,
University of Minnesota, '91.

Gamma District.

PHI.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY,
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, }
September 10th, 1895. }

Dear Sisters :

I suppose the predominant feeling in the mind of Phi, just now, is a vague wonderment about the vacation, was it a reality, or only a dream? Have we been away at all? It seems so natural to be back; so many things are just the same. There are the browned hills, and the same sunset glory, night after night. The same old moon rises over Mt. Hamilton and shines into the arcades of our quadrangle. Same days, too, there are, with the lectures and—but there the change comes. It is the Freshmen who bring it, or rather perhaps the Seniors who left the difference in the atmosphere, when they went away last May. But then, after all, that is only the old law of growth and progression—so here again, at depth, it is the same, that blessed reality of unchangeableness that is always acting just under the surface.

Phi thinks of this, and tries to forget the empty places. She thinks, too, of the bright details in this year's beginning. Many of the girls have brought back new things so we are even cozier and more homelike than before. Mrs. Edwards, our new

"mother," has already fitted well into her place in the house, and in our hearts. Chapter meetings start off with enthusiasm from all. Outside matters are bright, too. We like the new girls who came to Stanford this year. Some of them will make good Thetas, we think, and there are many, who, while they may lack one or two of the peculiar attributes of a fraternity woman, will help to make our general university type a high one. We are thankful for that, you know, too, and glad when all is as this year promises to be.

Letters from the '95 girls bring various news items. Winifred Caldwell, who has been visiting in the East, on her way to the convention, is ill with typhoid fever. Last reports, however, are encouraging. She is past the serious point now, and expects to be quite well by October. To-day we have all been thinking especially of Minnie Goder. It is her wedding day.

You probably know that we have with us at Stanford this year one of the Eastern Thetas, Miss Van Dusen, who comes among us as Mrs. Marx. Our relations with the faculty Thetas have been a constant source of help to us. We are more than glad to welcome this new addition to our friends in that quarter.

Phi gives to all the Chapters a loving greeting for the new year. So full is her heart with love for Thetas and Theta, that to her the best wish seems—that the future may "copy fair the past."

PHI.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, }
Berkeley, Cal. }

Dear Thetas :

Omega sends the greetings of the season to all sister chapters and hopes that all have come back to work, after the months of vacation, refreshed and enthusiastic.

We are well started in the college life for this term and feel that it is going to be an unusually prosperous year for us. The Freshmen are with us in great abundance and the girls form nearly half of the class, so we have a great deal of material from which to choose new Thetas. Three girls, whom a number of us knew before they came to college, are now pledged to us, and we feel that we have good reason to rejoice over them. Later on we hope to initiate them and others in the mysteries and sisterly workings of the Theta world. The "rushing" features do not seem so objectionable this year, so far, though a great deal is being done.

We miss our '95 girls very much and we have also felt the absence of Lou and Marion Whipple, who are late in entering, though expected soon now. We are in the same house as last year and are fortunate in having Mrs. Dill with us again as chaperone. Then, too, we are happy in having Edith Rice '96 back with us, who has been away for two years, and Jessie Watson '92, who has entered the law-school this term. There will be four girls in the house and a comfortable, pleasant household will be the centre and source of good times and helpful companionship.

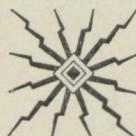
We have reason for growing enthusiasm for the college itself. Though hampered somewhat financially, it is extending its lines of work and standing for a great deal in the community. It has recently been offered a gift of land by Mayor Sutro of San Francisco for the site of the new buildings of the Affiliated Professional colleges. If accepted, this gift will add greatly to the material dignity of the University, as the site is a fine one on Sutro Heights and the property valuable. We have also had gifts made to our library this summer. Good work is being done at the Art school and the standards at Berkeley are becoming better—both for entrance and undergraduate work. Altogether, everything seems bright for all parts of the University life and we Thetas hope

to gather up the best and most delightful features for our individual work.

The convention is soon at hand and through our delegates we expect to hear about you all and get even greater incentives for a bright, good and helpful sorority life.

With best wishes and sisterly regards,

OMEGA.



PERSONALS.

Alpha Beta.

Lucy B. Price '96 and Mary T. Clark '97 are unable to return to college on account of illness.

Mary T. Clark '97 has been visiting in Media, at the home of Elizabeth B. Miller.

June 27th took place the marriage of Sarah Ellen Williams '93, to Benj. F. Battin '92.

The engagement of Hannah Hallowell Clothier '91, to James S. Coale '90, has been announced.

Jane C. Shaw '95 is traveling with her father in the West.

Jane Atkinson '93 is in Albany, studying to prepare herself for the position of librarian.

Alpha.

Daisy Simms '95 has been elected College Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

Lillian Brownfield '95 is teaching Latin and Greek in the South Bend High school.

Florence Line '94 an enthusiastic Theta, was married this summer to Rev. William Wise, of Lafayette.

Mabel Tuller has been transferred to Tau chapter.

Lillian Bovard of Omicron made us a visit on her way to the convention.

Lelia Means spent a few days with us on her way home, and the Alpha girls hope to assist in initiating the girls of our new Delta Chapter.

Edna Hamilton, daughter of Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton, is one of Alpha's new girls.

Grace Crowder '98 will not be with us this year, but made us a short visit during the spike.

Nu.

Miss Louise Burcham took the degree of A. B. at Commencement.

Julia McKee graduated at Lake Forest last June.

Jeanette Culbertson '94 was with us at the opening.

Glendora Ramsey '93 is teaching in Milton, Ky.

Jessie Young '98 took the prize (\$10) for oratory.

Mrs. Buttarff '86 was with us during Commencement.

Mrs. D. W. Moffat '90, Elouise Daugherty '92, Iona Rebuck '92, Bertye Swope '93, made the resident members short visits during vacation.

Tau.

Mary Elgin Gloss '92 is spending the winter with her sister in St. Louis.

Margaret Mulvane spent a few days with the girls.

Mrs. Mary Evans Mason, Psi '92, is now living in Evanston.

Miss Simms, Alpha, and Miss Whitcomb, Omicron, visited Tau the night of initiation. Miss Simms, college secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of the United States and Canada, will make Evanston her headquarters.

Misses Alice Spies and Jessica Phillips spent several days with us the first of the term. Miss Phillips has registered for graduate work.

Upsilon.

Miss Sophie M. Pendergast is teaching at the State Normal School at Moorhead, Minn.

Miss Mary I. Goodsil '95 is teaching in the high school at Lake City. Miss Elizabeth Fisher '95 and Miss Bertha Bradford '95 hold similar positions in Luverne and Windom, respectively.

Miss Louise Grace Walther '93 was married on the twenty-fourth of August to Mr. William Henry Davies of Chicago, Ill.

Miss Ruth Huntoon '94 was married at Lake City, to Mr. Robert Slater of Hudson, Wis.

The marriage of Miss Justina Leavitt, formerly of the class of '95, to Mr. Halsey Wilson of Minneapolis, has again brought her among the active chapter.

Kappa.

Elizabeth and Anne Wilder visited a few days in Lawrence this summer.

Mary Barkley, class of '94, has accepted a position in the Topeka high school for the coming year.

Edith Clarke, class of '95, has been appointed assistant librarian at K. U.

Edith Davis and Jeannette Wheeler are spending the vacation in Colorado.

Clara Gilham is spending the summer in Boston.

Mary Monroe left for Boston the nineteenth.

Mabel Sayre is in Colorado for the remainder of the summer.

Kate Riggs, class of '94, will teach in the Lawrence High school this year.

Winifred Churchill, class of '94, will teach in the public schools here this winter.

Miss Emma Barber spent several weeks of the vacation in Topeka.

Louise Towne attended the Y. W. C. A. Bible School at Lake Geneva from Kansas University.

Grace Puff has just returned from a visit with Mrs. F. C. Dobson of Ottawa.

Grace Colwell is visiting in Kansas City, Mo.

Beta Alumnae.

Mrs. Helen Dresser Fling has been visiting her mother in Minneapolis, and will return to Lincoln, Neb.

Prof. and Mrs. Harlow Gale, of Minneapolis, have had a son this summer.

Prof. and Mrs. Conway McMillan have a new little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Timberlake have a son and heir of two months old.

Omega.

Lou and Marion Whipple have been visiting in the East all summer.

Seven of the girls spent two weeks of the vacation together in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Mary McLean '95 has left us to do post-graduate work at Radcliffe this year.

Mrs. Anita Symmes Blake '94 and Mrs. Louise Bonnell Keeler have moved into their new homes, which have been built in Berkeley this summer.

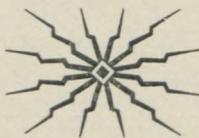
Maida Castlehun '94 is teaching at Centreville.

Annie Brewer '95 is teaching in the Oakland High school.

Louise Sheppard '94 is back studying for a Master's degree.

Edith Rice is taking, in addition to her college work, a course at the Hopkins Art Institute.

Jean Landstrom was married, August 15th, to Prof. Colby of the University.



EXCHANGES.

Beloit College in Wisconsin opened the doors of all its departments to women this fall.—*Ex.*

John Hopkins University has received a gift of sacred Buddhist Books from the Siamese King.—*Ex.*

President Seth Low, of Columbia College, has given that institution a donation of \$1,000,000.—*Ex.*

President Raymond, of Union College, on March 8th, announced to the undergraduate body that the Chicago Alumni Association had pledged to give the institution a large and costly dormitory building, and also to endow a professorship.—*The Shield.*

And now Canada has come into line and begun to give educational degrees to women. The first to be thus honored is Miss Regina Lewis of London, Ontario, who has received from the medical faculty of Bishop's College, Montreal, the right to put the letters M. D. and C. M. after her name.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Vanderbilt University has under course of construction a building to cost \$60,000, for the accommodation of its Medical Department.—*Ex.*

Purdue University has received an appropriation of \$60,000 to rebuild the front of her burned engineering laboratory, and has had the annual appropriation for maintenance doubled.—*Ex.*

A kiss is a noun, though generally used as a conjunction. It is never declined. It is more common than proper; it is not very singular, and is generally used in the plural number and agrees with me.—*Ex.*

Cambridge was the first English University to open her doors to women, just twenty-five years ago. Even now the women of Cambridge enter and pursue their studies in colleges separate from the men, and their examinations are somewhat different. The most serious defect in the co-education of Cambridge is the fact that the University grants women no degrees. The state of affairs at Oxford is very similar to that at Cambridge.—*Ex.*

Half of the members of the Yale graduating class say they will never marry. That will do to tell; but just wait. Time and Cupid work wonders.—*Phila. Press.*

In running through newspaper exchanges the other evening, the following gem of poetry was clipped out. It goes without saying that the insinuation is unmerited, and that it was rude to so refer to the "dear college girls;"

Mary had a little lamb;
With her it used to stray.
But it fled when Mary read her piece
On graduation day.

—*Washington Star.*

Under the recent law admitting women to the Scotch universities, Edinburgh has adopted the liberal policy of co-education in the Faculty of Arts. About twenty-five women matriculated this year, and the experiment already commands favor. In the University of Glasgow the women are taught separately from the men, at St. Margaret's College which has been incorporated with the University.—*Ex.*

Yale has given the United States two Vice-presidents, 19 Cabinet officers, 23 United States Ministers, 52 Senators, 189 Delegates and Members of Congress, one Chief Justice, six Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, three Circuit Judges, 24 District and other United States Judges, 177 Judges of Highest State Courts, and 41 State Governors.—*Ex.*

Out of 400 candidates presenting themselves recently at the London University examination for the B. A. degree, 83 were women. Of 239 who passed successfully, 63 were women. In other words, 76 per cent. of the women passed as against 59.7 per cent. of the men.—*Ex.*

It has been decided that the students of the Woman's College of Baltimore shall wear caps and gowns, and the authorities have selected the regular undergraduate gown with the regulation Oxford cap.—*Ex.*

There is now existing here a phenomenally fraternal relation between the Greeks. Not long since the *K Σ* made a sumptuous feast at their hall, to which all the Greeks of the University were invited. After devouring the contents of the well-loaded table, several "toasts" of interest were rendered, and at the waning of the midnight moon we departed, each one saying, "When shall we meet again?"—*Southwestern University Correspondent K A Journal.*

Twenty-three colleges co-operate in supporting the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece. The colleges are Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, University of Vermont, Williams, Amherst, Brown, Wesleyan, Trinity, Columbia, University of the

City of New York, College of the City of New York, Cornell, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Adelbert, University of Michigan, University of Chicago, Mt. Holyoke, Wellesley, Vassar and Bryn Mawr. Prof. Waldenstein is just closing up his excavations on the site of the Argive temple of Hera, which will for the present conclude excavations that have continued three years. Probably excavations will be next made on the Island of Crete, the traditional site of 100 cities, and representing the transition period of civilization from Asia Minor to Greece.—*Scroll.*

Provost Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania, has recently presented to that institution \$500,000, as a memorial to his father. The deed of gift stipulates that the fund is not to be used for building improvements, but must be kept intact, and among the designated uses to which the income must be put is one which certainly should commend itself to all college authorities. It is provided that a considerable portion of the income shall be devoted to professors of exceptional ability, for the purpose of affording them opportunity for original research and investigation.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

Now that Radcliffe College is enjoying the patronage of Harvard, and that ancient University is bestowing its favor on women as well as men, it is interesting to reflect that at the close of the revolutionary war there were hundreds of women living right under the shadow of Harvard University—and among them ladies of high social position—who could neither read nor write.—*Ex.*

Daniel Webster had some hard places to get through in his undergraduate days. One winter day he wrote to his father from Dartmouth, begging him to send on four yards of stuff to

be used in making a warm suit. Old Webster answered in this fashion :

"MY DEAR BOY: You know that when I sent you to college I had to borrow a dollar to be able to stand the expense. Since then I have had to borrow four dollars from as many different parties to repay the original debt. I inclose two cents. Take one cent and buy a pipe, and use the other for tobacco. Smoking breeds contentment; contentment breeds stoicism, and if you are a complete stoic you will not want clothes."—*Ex.*

Bowdoin is working for a new athletic field, with modern accessories, and seems likely to succeed.—*Ex.*

The Senior Society elections at Yale this year emphasize the importance of athletics in the eyes of the students. Some years ago the men who had distinguished themselves in scholarship, the prize speakers, editors of the *Lit.*, etc., were apt to be elected to *Skull and Bones* or *Scroll and Keys*. This year the prize speakers and writers received very little recognition, but the great athletes, men from the crews, the foot-ball team, the baseball team are the favored ones.—*Scroll.*

The publication of a Greek newspaper in America is quite surprising. There is one, and only one, and that is published at No. 2 Stone street, New York, under the name *Atlantis*, and issued weekly. It has survived its first year, and entered upon its second. It is meeting with considerable success, and appears somewhat enlarged. It is Greek, and all Greek to us, so far as its contents go. Our Greek lexicon is too dusty and life too short to make any examination of its contents; but we mention it as a grand opportunity for American students to get some variety in Greek Study. In our day we had nothing but the old musty Greek mythology, which was dry enough. To be able to read

current topics in the original Greek must be truly refreshing. The journal is meeting with much favor among Greek students. It is neatly printed and deserves the hearty support of every college in the land.—*Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*

Through the personal influence of Dr. Julius Goebel of the German Department, the Stanford University has secured the famous philological library of Rudolph Hildebrand, containing more than fifty thousand volumes. Hildebrand was a professor in the University of Leipsic, and was associated with the Grimm brothers in the preparation of their famous dictionary; he spent fifty years in collecting his library, and it is one of the finest in Germany. This collection is not only rich in German literature and philology, but also in French, Spanish, Italian and English; it will be of great value to the student of law and history as well as that of language and literature.—*Ex.*

The University of North Carolina has conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer. She is the first woman upon whom an honorary degree has been conferred by that institution.—*Ex.*

Seniors at Brown, of 85 per cent. in recitation, absent only three times in a study, are exempt from that examination in the last term.—*Ex.*

The chapters of fifty years ago were mere students' clubs, governed by the decrees of the faculty. The altered condition of college culture is due in no small degree to the fraternity movement. * * * The time seems to be approaching when "student government" is to be regarded as well as "college government," and when the responsibility for the personal conduct

of the students will be left to the student themselves. The faculty of Amherst College has called to its aid a committee of students as the guardians of college order, while Bowdoin College has placed the discipline of the college in the hands of the students. This course arises, doubtless, largely from the influence of the Greek-letter societies and the very idea of stability and dignity which at once surrounds the Greek homesteads.—*Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

The students at Princeton have adopted a constitution establishing a committee of six members to deal with all cases of violation of the honor system in examinations. The committee is to report to the faculty on all such cases with a recommendation of the penalty to be imposed.—*Ex.*

In a recent junior examination of the medical department of the University of Michigan, two Chinese girls, from Kiukiang, China, took the highest stand. It is probable that they are the only Chinese girls in a co-educational institution in this country, and at Ann Arbor they are noted for their brilliancy and scholarship. Miss Howe, a missionary from Ann Arbor, induced them to come to this country, three years ago; at that time they knew scarcely a word of English. Each is twenty-one years of age, and they receive their M. D. degree next year. Then their plan is to return to China as medical missionaries and spread the Christian religion among their country-women.—*New York Tribune*.

The alumni of Cornell University nominated Miss Martha Carey Thomas for one of the trustees and she was elected in June. This is probably the first time in the history of any of the leading universities in this country that a woman has been chosen

for trustee. Miss Thomas was graduated from Cornell in 1877, and is now president of Bryn Mawr College for Women. She was made dean of that college when it was opened in 1885, and was elected president in 1893.

The legislature which has just adjourned passed a law allowing the Cornell alumni to elect five additional trustees this year. Every year after this they will elect two trustees, instead of one as heretofore. In recent years there has been very little contest for this honor among the alumni, rarely more than two candidates being presented. As soon as the new law went into effect there was a great scramble. In all fifteen candidates for the five places were named.

The alumnae of the institution at once decided that they ought to be represented in the board of trustees. Correspondence was started, and after a conference of names proposed they settled upon Miss Thomas as the woman graduate of Cornell best fitted by her training and acquirements to fill the place. At once a campaign was started. Women graduates in all the large cities in the country were enlisted in the work. Friends of other candidates sent out the customary endorsements seeking votes and telling of the candidate's fitness for the honor. Miss Thomas's circular was one of the last to appear. To the surprise of the alumni it contained nearly three times the number of endorsements than any of the circulars of the male candidates had.

After graduation Miss Thomas studied for seven years at Johns Hopkins University, Leipsic and Paris, taking the degree of Ph. D. at Zurich with distinguished success. On her return she was made dean of Bryn Mawr College. This she held until her election as its president in 1893. As dean Miss Thomas had a prominent part in the organization of Bryn Mawr, and its successful growth has been largely due to her strong personal influence.—*N. Y. Sun.*

"THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S PSALM."

1. "Lift up your heads, oh ye alumnæ, and be ye more lifted up in tone ye chapter letters, for the corresponding secretaries are about to reform!

2. Who are these corresponding secretaries? Those of the tribe of Kappa and, verily, their name is legion.

3. When the critics, even our alumnæ, came upon us we stumbled and fell (and great was the fall thereof).

4. For in the good old days we did strut boldly, clad in purple and fine linen, and we spake saying thus:

5. 'We are the corresponding secretaries of the house of Kappa. Who may come against us?'

6. Now are our heads bowed down in the dust and there is heard the sound of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

7. And we cry with a loud voice, saying :

8. 'Why do the alumnæ rage and the people imagine a vain thing?

9. For have we not faithfully followed in their footsteps, and have we not written chapter letters even as they did of yore?

10. But now have they trampled us under foot, saying, 'Who are these who encumber the earth?'

11. Verily, we are sick and sore at heart and our hands are inkstained with trying to write letters pleasing unto the alumnæ.

12. And we cry, 'Woe is me that I am a corresponding secretary! Woe is me that I ever wrote such iniquitous letters!'

13. But, behold, we have proposed in our hearts to sin no more.

14. Our giddy heads have been turned from thoughts of vanity.

15. Yea, verily, we have ceased forever to think upon 'serenades and luxuriant chairs.'

16. Lift up your heads, oh, ye alumnae, and embrace thyself, oh, Editor; for verily a reform hath begun among corresponding secretaries."

In the face of this who could be pessimistic?—*The Key.*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF PAN-HELLENISM.

1. Thou shalt worship no other idea than Pan-Hellenism.
2. Thou shalt not take unto thee any false pretences, nor any assumption of friendship that is not real, neither in recitation rooms, nor in chapel, nor in the campus round about; for destruction and disrepute shall be visited upon the fraternity unto the third and fourth generation of them that do dishonorably, but long life and fair fame upon those that remember the Golden Rule to follow it.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy neighbor's fraternity in vain, for Pan-Hellenism will not hold her guiltless that taketh such name in vain.
4. Remember thy pledge-day to keep it inviolate. On other days shalt thou strive to become acquainted, but until pledge-day thou shalt not require any promise; for the pledge-day is the sacred day of Pan-Hellenism. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy president, nor thy alumnae nor thy rushing committee that is within thy gates; for on other days hast thou worked and done thy labor, but on pledge-day shalt thou reap the reward. Wherefore, Pan-Hellenism set apart the pledge-day and hallowed it.
5. Honor thy fraternity and its ideals, and look not alone to a pretty face and much adornment, for character is a jewel of fraternity, and sterling worth is above rubies; see that thou prefer these, that the days of thy Chapter may be long in the land.
6. Remember thy fraternity rooms to make them attractive, and the assessments for thy receptions that they be paid up.

7. Thou shalt not surround a girl in all thy numbers that no other fraternity gain access to her. Thou shalt not thus break the rules of ordinary courtesy, but thou shalt be courteous to all.

8. Thou shalt not let private prejudice warp thy judgment, nor be content with a superficial acquaintance, nor permit personal preference to cause disunion in thy Chapter. Nor shalt thou feel hurt if thy sister or friend be not admitted.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor's fraternity.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's candidates to rush them because thy neighbor hath preferred them, nor her Chapter-hall, nor her distinguished member, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.—*The Key*.

THE NEW MAN.

MR. EDITOR—I am moved by my bewilderment to write to you and ask why it is that the various magazines or journals of Greek Sororities are in matter and style superior to the like publications of the Greek Fraternities? I am an attentive reader of both classes of publications, and being a male, I am distressed to see how much the emancipated new woman excels her former lord and master. If we compare the average chapter letter in a sorority publication with the like communication by a male student, we shall find the latter, as a rule, wofully inferior. His letter is less original, less newsy, less carefully composed, less finished and agreeable in style and less indicative of culture than the girl's chapter letter. I say it with shame and disappointment, as I had expected the girl student's effusions to afford me food for mirth.

It astonished me at first to observe that the *sorores* seem to cultivate and possess the fraternal spirit more than do the real

fratres. They dwell upon it and enjoy it more. They evidently possess to a greater extent the arts that give charm to social intercourse and their meetings seem to be interesting in various rational ways. With tea or coffee only for a stimulant, they attain results that the male Greeks fail to reach with the help of stronger fluids. Their jollifications do not end in "drunks" and disgraceful "jags"—as is often the case with some fraternities—but all go home perfectly rational, after passing an evening in a manner to entitle them to their own respect. Conversation, music, reading, theatricals—these seem to be to the *soror* material enough for "a good time." They are not afflicted with that intellectual poverty that renders social intercourse a bore. Accordingly when they come together in fraternal relations, they get more into those relations, it seems, than male students do, and, of course, also get more out.

But not only do the chapter letters give evidence of a more successful fraternal life in the sororities, but they are better written and indicate more culture. The *sorores* write better English and write it with more dignity and grace than the *fratres* do. And this superiority of the female undergraduate seems to continue when she becomes an alumna contributor. Her articles are more thoughtful and helpful toward the formation of a noble character than the contributed articles of the alumnus.

This is all very painful to me. I believe in the superiority of man and would like to believe in the superiority of the boy. Lucretius was right when he said in his great poem, *De Rerum Natura*:

Longe praestat in arte,
Et sollertia est multo, genus omne virile.

And Oridius Naso utters a truism when he makes Hero say to her Leander :

Fortius ingenium suspicoresse viris.

A later agnostic than either Lucretius or Ovid—Prof. Huxley—after studying woman and the woman question, makes bold

to say : "Nature's old salique law will not be repealed. The big chests, the massive brains, the vigorous muscles and stout frames of the best men will carry the day whenever it is worth their while to contest the prizes of life with the best women."

The philosopher asserts distinctly woman's lack of equality with man and her inferiority. I accept it all. I applaud his frankness and audacity. But the new woman—the young woman—seems nevertheless to be unquestionably in our college publications far and away superior to the new man. Will the editor explain it?

ANTIQUE.

The September number of the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*, in a review of fraternity publications, says : "We gather around us the magazines lying restfully on our table, and giving to the sororities the post of honor, take up the July number of KAPPA ALPHA THETA. The sisters of this sorority show a commendable interest in their publication, which we devoutly wish all *K. S.*'s would profit by. With the exception of the necessary amount of Greek gossip and news, the magazine is filled entirely by articles from the pen of members of the society. No long clippings, no reprinted articles; all the work of apparently devoted sisters.

At the very opening of the magazine one is charmed and captivated by the manner in which Pauline Jennings writes of 'Robert Browning as a Musical Critic.'

After this article upon Browning, there is a bright readable sketch entitled, "Some Phases of German University Life," and this is followed by a forceful article, "Organization Among College Women," which gives us an accurate, though, of course, not

comprehensive exposition of the development of the idea that college women should organize. The number is completed by the Editorials and the usual Chapter letters, together with a fair amount of well-selected Greek gossip."

There is a new fad in town. It is to be found in the private stationery of certain college graduates. Instead of placing his family crest at the top of the page, the graduate has engraved a cut of his secret society pin. This fashion is the outgrowth of the increase in this city of clubs like the *A. Y.*, *A. Φ.*, *Ψ. Y.*, *A. K. E.*, *A. A. Φ.*, etc., having their origin in college secret societies.—*New York World.*

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